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Attorney General John Ashcroft

US Department of Justice

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Dear Mr. Ashcroft,

The settlement that has been reached in the Microsoft antitrust case is fair and should be accepted on no uncertain terms. I believe that this suit has only served to waste millions of dollars and innumerable hours of wasted manpower. I feel that this suit has done undeniable damage to the U.S. economy especially within the technology sector itself.

This is a sound settlement. The terms will ensure that Microsoft no longer commits antitrust violations. In exchange for the concessions that Microsoft has made in this case, it will be allowed to continue, conducting business as a whole company rather than being split up in to smaller separate entities. The terms of the settlement require that Microsoft design all future versions of Windows to be compatible with the products of

its competitors. It has also agreed not to commit any action that could be construed as retaliatory. I believe that these terms are fair, as is the entire settlement; we need not delay its implementation any longer.

Please continue to support American business as you have with the orchestration of this settlement. Thank you.

Sincerely,

Larry Ross

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